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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 8, General Industry Safety Orders, Article 12.

Tree Work, Maintenance and Removal, Sections 3420 - 3428

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday, May 26, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)

Division of Occupational Safety and Health Training Room 2211 Park Towne Circle Sacramento, CA 95825

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Introductions, use of the facility, purpose and goals of the advisory committee meeting.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Chair's opening comments regarding the amendments that are being considered by the committee as a result of a request from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division) to update standards in the General Industry Safety Orders (GISO), Article 12, that pertain to tree work, maintenance and removal.

Division representatives will be given the opportunity to briefly discuss the background and necessity of the proposed amendments that were submitted to the Board for consideration.

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

General committee discussion of fatal and other accidents in tree work operations and review of any trends in tree work accidents.

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Brief review of federal OSHA standards related to tree work, including line clearance tree trimming. The federal provisions related to tree work operations focus primarily on the provisions associated with electrical hazards. These provisions are in large part located in 29 CFR 1910.268(q) and 29 CFR 1910.269.

Brief history of the contents and scope of the ANSI Z133.1 standard for Arboricultural Operations – Safety Requirements and how this document was used for a number of the amendments proposed for GISO, Article 12.

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Review any written comments that have been received and handout documents as necessary.

<u>11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch Break.</u>

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Summary and completion of the morning discussion items.

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Begin review of the proposed text of amendments to Article 12.

Summary of the day's discussion and discuss items relevant for day two.

4:30 p.m.- Adjourn day one.

Day Two – Thursday, May 26, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Summary of day one, comments, questions.

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Continue review and discussion of the proposed amendments.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

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1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Complete discussion of concerns related to the language and requirements of the proposed regulatory text.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Discussion by committee members of any cost impact that may result from any proposed amendments.

Discuss any need for follow up advisory committee meetings or subcommittee meetings.

Discuss the rulemaking process and post committee action by Board staff.

Chairman's closing comments.

Approximately 4:30 p.m. - Adjourn meeting.